

APPENDIX

116. A method for distributing content to a user station, comprising:
providing a first portable storage medium, the first portable storage medium
including first fixed content and computer executable software;

wherein when the first portable storage medium is used at the user station, the
computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (i) enable a user at
the user station to access first remote content from a first remote content source, the first
remote content relating to the first fixed content and (ii) enable the user to access second
remote content from a second remote content source, the second remote content relating
to second fixed content, the second fixed content being different from the first fixed
content, and the second fixed content being included on a second portable storage
medium.

117. The method of claim 116, wherein the first portable storage medium
further includes a specification of predefined transport tasks, and wherein the user station
initiates connections to the first remote content source in accordance with the predefined
transport tasks.

118. The method of claim 116, wherein the first remote content is provided to
the user with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed content and wherein the
second remote content is provided to the user with a second look and feel specific to the
second fixed content.

119. The method of claim 118, wherein the first look and feel is customized by
an author of the first fixed content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by
an author of the second first fixed content.

120. The method of claim 116, wherein each of the first remote content and the second remote content includes a web page.

121. The method of claim 116, wherein the first remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the first remote content source and wherein the second remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the second remote content source.

122. The method of claim 116, wherein the computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (iii) establish connections between the user station and the first and second remote content sources.

123. The method of claim 122, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the user.

124. The method of claim 122, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the first fixed content and the second fixed content.

125. The method of claim 122, wherein the connections are transparent to the user.

126. The method of claim 116, wherein the first fixed content can be presented to the user together with the first remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless intergration of the first fixed content and the first remote content and wherein the second fixed content can be presented to the user together with the second remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless intergration of the second fixed content and the second remote content.

127. The method of claim 116, wherein the first portable storage medium further includes link data identifying the first remote content source.

128. A first portable storage medium comprising:

first fixed content; and

computer executable software;

wherein when the first portable storage medium is used at a user station, the computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (i) enable a user at the user station to access first remote content from a first remote content source, the first remote content relating to the first fixed content and (ii) enable the user to access second remote content from a second remote content source, the second remote content relating to second fixed content, the second fixed content being different from the first fixed content, and the second fixed content being included on a second portable storage medium.

129. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, further comprising a specification of predefined transport tasks, wherein the user station initiates connections to the first remote content source in accordance with the predefined transport tasks.

130. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein the first remote content is provided to the user with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed content and wherein the second remote content is provided to the user with a second look and feel specific to the second fixed content.

131. The first portable storage medium of claim 130, wherein the first look and feel is customized by an author of the first fixed content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by an author of the second first fixed content.

132. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein each of the first remote content and the second remote content includes a web page.

133. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein the first remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the first remote content source and wherein the second remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the second remote content source.

134. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein the computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (iii) establish connections between the user station and the first and second remote content sources.

135. The first portable storage medium of claim 134, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the user.

136. The first portable storage medium of claim 134, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the first fixed content and the second fixed content.

137. The first portable storage medium of claim 134, wherein the connections are transparent to the user.

138. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein the first fixed content can be presented to the user together with the first remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the first fixed content and the first remote content and wherein the second fixed content can be presented to the user together with the second remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the second fixed content and the second remote content.

139. The first portable storage medium of claim 128, wherein the first portable storage medium further includes link data identifying the first remote content source.

140. A user station comprising:

user interface facilities that enable a user at the user station to use each of a plurality of portable storage media, each of the plurality of portable storage media including fixed content unique to the portable storage medium and different from the fixed content included on each of the other portable storage media;

a processor; and
programmed logic;

wherein the processor executes the programmed logic to (i) enable a user at the user station to access the fixed content from any selected one of the portable storage media together with respective remote content from one or more remote content sources.

141. The user station of claim 140, further comprising a specification of predefined transport tasks, wherein the user station initiates connections to the first remote content source in accordance with the predefined transport tasks.

142. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first remote content is provided to the user with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed content and wherein the second remote content is provided to the user with a second look and feel specific to the second fixed content.

143. The user station of claim 142, wherein the first look and feel is customized by an author of the first fixed content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by an author of the second first fixed content.

144. The user station of claim 140, wherein each of the first remote content and the second remote content includes a web page.

145. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the first remote content source and

wherein the second remote content is embedded within a markup language available on the second remote content source.

146. The user station of claim 140, wherein the computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (iii) establish connections between the user station and the first and second remote content sources.

147. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the user.

148. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the first fixed content and the second fixed content.

149. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are transparent to the user.

150. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first fixed content can be presented to the user together with the first remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless intergration of the first fixed content and the first remote content and wherein the second fixed content can be presented to the user together with the second remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless intergration of the second fixed content and the second remote content.

151. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first portable storage medium further includes link data identifying the first remote content source.